

ARLINGTON HALL STATION, BUILDING 318
4000 Arlington Boulevard
Arlington
Arlington County
Virginia

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- Location: Located in the southeast quadrant of Arlington Hall Station on the south side of First Street approximately 130 feet east of Second Street. Arlington Hall Station is located at 4000 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia.
- Significance: Constructed in 1942 as enlisted men's barracks, Building 316 was part of the initial building campaign initiated by the U.S. Army at Arlington Hall Station, formerly Arlington Hall Junior College (1927-1942). It is associated with the nationally significant development of Arlington Hall Station as the headquarters of United States Army intelligence activities during World War II. (For overview of Arlington Hall Station, see HABS No. VA-1270).
- Description: Building 316 is a single-story, wood frame, gable-roofed building on concrete piers. The building measures approximately 105 feet by 25 feet with a 40-foot by 35-foot gabled addition on the east side creating an asymmetrical T-plan.
- The exterior is clad in wide clapboards with vertical wood corner boards and skirting around the crawl space. The addition rests on a concrete foundation. Four-light three-panel doors with wood stoops occur at both sections of the building. Window openings in the main block are rectangular with one-over-one wood awning sash. The openings in the addition have single light awning sash.
- Interior rooms are arranged randomly, with a heating room with separate below grade entry located at the east end of the addition. Exposed structural brackets occur in the interior portion of the main block between the outside walls and the ceiling. The main block displays vent stacks, while a brick chimney is located over the heating room.
- History: Building 316 was constructed in 1942 as a barracks. The building was later used as a classroom facility for general instruction. In 1958 the building underwent extensive rehabilitation due to a fire.
- Sources: Annual Reports, Arlington Hall Station. On file at INSCOM Command Historian's Office, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

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